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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants, through their Attorney, respectfully respond to the restriction requirement mailed April 14, 2003 as follows:

REMARKS

Restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following inventions has been required:

Group I: claims 1-27, drawn to a device, classified in class 422, subclass 179;

Group II: claims 28-33, drawn to a method for mounting a fragile structure, classified in class 29, subclass 890; and

Group III: claims 34-40, drawn to a method for preparing a mat structure, classified in class 428, subclass -.

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